

his conduct for individuals and groups. He put in long hours for youth groups throughout the area, sang in the choir at Emanuel Baptist Church, and was the pastor at Mount Lily Baptist Church for nearly ten years at the end of his working career. While suffering a stroke two years ago may have slowed the Reverend's activities, the lessons he had instilled and the inspiration he had brought to those around him continued to thrive.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my sincere condolences to the family of Reverend Williams. They, along with their community, have suffered a great loss. Reverend Hollice T. Williams served as a model for so many, and I am confident that many will remember him fondly and model their actions in life on what he showed them through his life.

EMSLEY TAYLOR JACKSON MAKES HER MARK ON THE WORLD

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 4, 2005

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Morgan Jackson and his wife Shawn on the birth of their first child, Emsley Taylor Jackson. Emsley was born on Tuesday, October 25, 2005 and weighed 10 pounds. Faye joins me in wishing Morgan and Shawn great happiness during this very special time in their lives.

As a father of three, I know the immeasurable pride and rewarding challenges that children bring into your life. Their innocence keeps you young-at-heart. Through their inquiring minds and wide-eyed wonder, they will teach you just as you teach them, and show you the world in a fresh, new way. A little miracle, a new baby holds all the potential of what human beings can achieve.

I welcome young Emsley into the world and wish Morgan and Shawn all the best as they begin guiding her through life.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ANIMAL ENTERPRISE TERRORISM ACT OF 2005

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 4, 2005

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act of 2005. This legislation would provide federal authorities with the necessary tools to help prevent and better investigate and prosecute eco-terror cases.

Between January of 1990 and June of 2004, extremist movements such as the Animal Liberation Front (ALF), the Earth Liberation Front (ELF), and the Stop Huntington Animal Cruelty (SHAC) committed more than 1,100 acts of terrorism causing more than \$120 million in damages. The FBI considers these extremists groups among its most serious domestic threats.

Animal rights extremists advance their cause through "direct action" which includes death threats, vandalism, animal releases, and

bombings. Their actions are calculated to aggressively intimidate and harass those identified as targets. Traditional targets include research and biomedical laboratories, fur farms, and restaurants. These extremists have also turned to targeting companies that do business or have a financial interest in an animal enterprise.

In my own state of Wisconsin, mink farmers and researchers at the Wisconsin National Primate Research Center have experienced their own fair share of intimidation, harassment, and vandalism at the hands of animal rights extremists.

Current federal law is inadequate to address the threats posed by violent acts committed by these animal rights extremists. They have recognized the limits and ambiguities in our current statutes, such as the Animal Enterprise Protection Act, and have tailored their campaign to exploit them.

Mr. Speaker, the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act of 2005 would address gaps in the law that keep authorities from using it in the most effective manner possible. The bill provides for penalties for intentional economic disruption or damage and for intentionally causing bodily harm or placing a person in reasonable fear of death or bodily harm.

It also specifically addresses the "tertiary targeting" tactic employed by these extremists by prohibiting intentional damage of property belonging to a person or organization with ties to an animal enterprise.

Enactment of this legislation will enhance the ability of law enforcement and the Justice Department to protect law-abiding American citizens from violence and the threat of violence posed by animal rights extremists.

FREEDOM FOR BLAS GIRALDO REYES RODRIGUEZ

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 4, 2005

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about Blas Giraldo Reyes Rodríguez, a political prisoner in totalitarian Cuba.

Mr. Reyes Rodríguez is an opposition activist and independent librarian in totalitarian Cuba. His life is dedicated to the proposition that the men and women of Cuba must be free: free to learn, free to worship, free to elect their leaders, free to enjoy their inalienable human rights. Independent librarians in Cuba, such as the one operated by Mr. Reyes Rodríguez, provide the indispensable service of circulating truth at a time when the tyrannical regime provides only propaganda. These heroic librarians often circulate the great works of anti-totalitarian literature, including the important writings of Václav Havel and Dr. Martin Luther King. Literature is a great danger to totalitarian regimes: books often provide the truth that tyrants seek to hide.

Unfortunately, In March 2003, as part of Castro's condemnable crackdown on peaceful pro-democracy activists, Mr. Reyes Rodríguez was arrested. In a sham trial, he was sentenced to 25 years in the totalitarian gulag.

Amnesty International reports that he is suffering from serious medical concerns in the gulag. According to the U.S. Department of

State's Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2003:

In early August, officers of the Ministry of the Interior threatened to arrest the wife of prisoner Blas Giraldo Reyes Rodríguez if she continued to receive activists who visited her to express sympathy for the jailing of her husband. Police told Isel de las Mercedes Acosta Obregon that they would try her for violating the Law to Protect National Independence and the Economy (Law 88) (see Section 2.a.) if she did not cease "counterrevolutionary activities."

Mr. Reyes Rodríguez has also been named an honorary member of Sydney PEN, an organization of writers devoted to emphasizing the role of literature in the development of mutual understanding and world culture; to fighting for freedom of expression; and to acting as a powerful voice on behalf of writers harassed, imprisoned and sometimes killed for their views.

Mr. Speaker, let me be very clear, Mr. Reyes Rodríguez is languishing in an infernal gulag because he believes in freedom, truth, democracy, and human rights. His family is being constantly threatened because of these "dangerous" beliefs. My colleagues, we must demand the immediate and unconditional release of Blas Giraldo Reyes Rodríguez and every political prisoner in totalitarian Cuba.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN B. SHADEGG

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 4, 2005

Mr. SHADEGG. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, October 28, 2005, I had an out of town engagement and missed rollcall votes. I ask that my absence be excused, and that the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD show that had I been present: For rollcall no. 556, I would have voted "aye."

Again and again, Iranian government's policies have shown utter disrespect for international law, oppressed the Iranian people, and facilitated international terrorism.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's comments on October 26, 2005 in support of annihilating Israel reaffirm the necessity of strong American and United Nations policies towards Iran. Knowing of Iran's desire to develop nuclear capabilities and intentions to use them against Israel, we must, in the strongest terms possible, condemn President Ahmadinejad's statements and continue working towards a freer and more stable Middle East.

HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF INFORMATION AND ENGINEERING

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 4, 2005

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 20th anniversary of George Mason University's School of Information Technology and Engineering.

2005 is a year of great significance for the School of Information Technology and Engineering. On October 28, 2005, George Mason